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**PRICE 40 CENTIMS**

(FROM "VANITY FAIR.")

After a dissipated week on the Lifley shore I came away with a compound jumble of mirth and misery. A visit to the Queen's Theatre, where I witnessed a play, with the corpses of five victims lying on the stage around him, was compelled by the gods to sing indignantly "The Wearing of the Green," accompanied by loud calls of delight from the gallery; an evening at the more refined Vanity Fair, where the warring of the gods was by the Major-General (in "The Pirates Penzance") evoked a burst of hisses from patriots up aloft; an afternoon in the Phoenix with polo and the Half-King; a visit to Sewell's while a sale was proceeding, and a walk to the White Horse, where I saw doubtful horses' legs and seeking information from seedy-looking loafers—recollection of all these crowded in my mind as I whirled away in an Irish express train at the rate of nearly ten miles an hour; but as I was not one picture worth a laugh till I had seen fellow-passengers made up their minds that there was a Land League official going abroad with the funds, or a tenant receiving the Land Act for the first time.

I spent a day, two at Arachoon on the Great Pyrenees, and as I had not been there for four or five years, I was much surprised to find how much it had grown in so short a time. Notwithstanding its popularity with the Bordespois people, the village, with its playground, Arachoon is not likely to be a fashionable resort in summer, though I believe that the pine-woods at which the chalets constituting what is called the *ville d'hiver* are situated, have a very nutritious effect upon the winter sufferer from chest. Still, I should not have been of the number of those who are cured by the odorous emission of the pines.

Life is altogether cheerful at Biarritz, which has both its summer and winter seasons, the former extending so far into autumn and the spring that it is not possible of any close time. At this time of the